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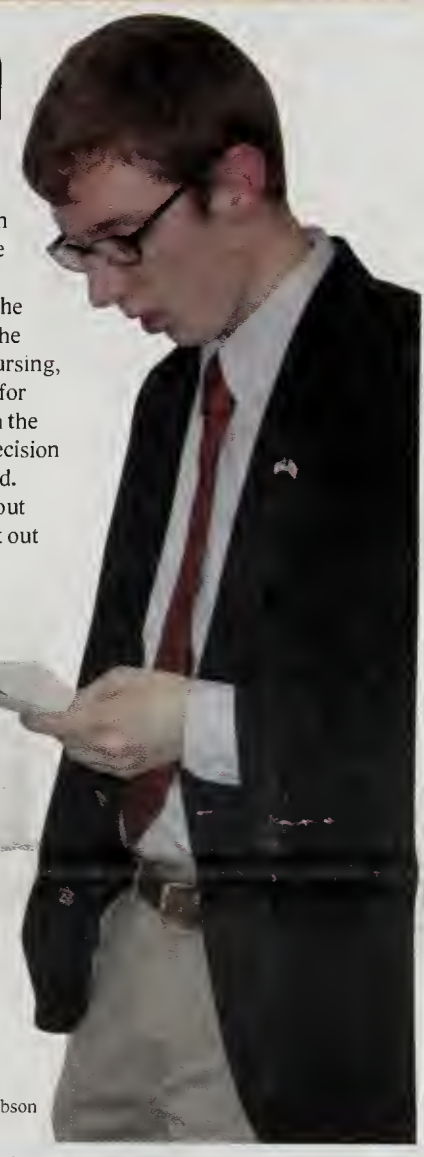
Ober out, Martin in

Martin becomes president while Weck becomes vice-president



Jessie Martin is sworn in as SGA president by former SGA president David Ober.

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

Nathyn D. Gibson
Photo Editor

With his right hand raised, Jessie Martin was sworn in as SGA president after David Ober publicly resigned during the SGA ceremony, referred to as the "passing of the gavel" event on Friday.

Martin said he considers Ober one of the SGA forefathers for building the organization.

"You left us with some big shoes to fill," Martin said to Ober during the meeting.

According to the SGA Constitution, the vice president permanently succeeds the president should the office become vacant.

Ober said Martin has been training for this role since they won the election. Martin has attended conferences, regular meetings and transition training. In regards to Martin's transition into the position, Ober feels confident in his successor.

"[Martin] knows what he wants and how to get it," Ober said.

Martin said the campus's e-mail transition to Gmail, the expanding of the student discount card and student involvement are among the issues he intends to focus on during his time in office. He also said he wants to survey the students over the fall break issue.

Martin wants to create a more visual presence on campus and to help create more active feedback from the student body.

Martin agrees with Ober on multiple issues, but said they are not "clones," with the pair sometimes differing in methods on how to approach issues. Overall, the issues have been diverse.

"We built a lot of momentum on a lot of issues," Ober said.

Ober said he would like to see closure on the fall break issue by the end of the spring semester, but most importantly would like to see the organization strengthen within to avoid another restructuring.

Martin chose Kayla Weck as his vice president, a motion which was approved by the student senate.

Weck, who served as the speaker of the senate and the senator for the school of nursing, will appoint her successor for senator in accordance with the constitution. An official decision has not yet been announced.

"We're striving to fill out all the positions so we start out strong," Weck said.

Ober left the SGA because he is graduating this semester with a degree in computer graphics technology. He'll attend graduate school at George Washington University in Washington D. C.

Ober said he wants to work on political campaigns as a communications director.

Conference Center no more

Carl Kurek
Staff Writer

The Calumet Conference Center is going to go through some major transformations in the near future. The changes to the center come amid the largest monetary gift ever received by PUC: a $5 million donation from the White Family Foundations.

The donation will support a scholarship fund for high performing Hospitality and Tourism Management students and also introduce an HTM Honors Program.

"White Lodging Services and the White family have been longtime partners and supporters of Purdue Calumet," Chancellor Howard Cohen said.

The Conference Center is located at the south end of the campus near the Fitness and Recreation Center. It was voted best place for a corporate retreat by "Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly" readers in the spring of 2005.

Until recently, the Conference Center offered a location and catering services for events such as corporate meetings, social dinners and wedding receptions. However, these services will no longer be available.

"Purdue Calumet is getting out of the conferencing business," PUC Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement and University Relations Wes Lukoshus said.

According to a news release, the university plans to use the Conference Center to "enhance" the university's HTM program and will rename it the Purdue University Calumet White Lodging Center for Hospitality and Tourism Management.

"Thanks to the generosity of the White Family Foundations and White Lodging Services," Lukoshus said, "we have a wonderful and unprecedented opportunity to convert one of our facilities in a way that benefits students, enriches Purdue Calumet and enhances our region."

On the other hand, because of the nature of the changes being made, current Conference Center positions will be eliminated when the renovations begin.

"It is possible that they [the staff] could wind up in other university positions, but that would occur only following a normal competitive hiring process," Lukoshus said.

General Manager of the Conference Center Edward Mamrila looks at the bright side of the situation.

"Although I am disappointed about the closing of the Conference Center, I think the expansion of the HTM program will be in the best interests of the HTM students and the PUC campus as a whole," he said.

Construction and renovation will begin summer 2010 in hopes of making the new center fully operational by the start of the 2011-2012 academic years. Renovations include a teaching kitchen, beverage service laboratory, working restaurant, computer labs and faculty offices.

Once the new Center is complete, the facilities currently used by the HTM department will be used for other instructional purposes as needed.

Nearly 20 percent of all Indiana jobs relate to the hospitality industry. According to the "Occupational Outlook Handbook," in 2006, food service managers held about 350,000 jobs and there were about 40,000 jobs related to tourism.

The end result of the new Center is expected to increase the number of students who study HTM at PUC from the current 250 students to 400 students over the next five years.

Photo provided

The Calumet Conference Center used to be home to dances, conventions, club meetings and more. With the White's donation, this building will become the headquarters for the HTM program.

Jessie Martin
Student Body President

Hello PUC Students! We only have one week left of this fall semester, and then we can enjoy our well-deserved four-week break. This semester has seemingly flown by for me and many others I know, but I think everyone is ready for a short vacation. While all of us are looking forward to our time off of school that is forthcoming, your Student Government Association experienced a change of leadership at the position of President at its last meeting before Christmas Break.

The PUC Student Government Association underwent a quiet and expected transition at its last meeting on Friday, December 11, 2009. David Ober, who was elected back in April of 2009 as President of the SGA, stepped down from his position as he is due to graduate this Tuesday. David played an essential role in restructuring the SGA, and he is the main reason why we have a functioning Student Government Association here at PUC. If it wasn't for his tireless work and steadfast dedication to see the SGA succeed, we would not be in the good position we now find ourselves in.

Thanks to David's effective leadership of the SGA, we have been able to pass legislation in the Student Senate that begins to address the concerns of campus safety and security here on campus. We passed legislation recommending PUC switch our email services to Google Inc., and that was accepted and is scheduled to be in place when we return for the 2010 fall semester. The SGA, with David leading the charge, has increased communication with our food services provider Chartwells to voice the concerns of PUC students directly to them and find ways to address the issue concerning students. Along with fighting for the PUC student body *in these important issues, David set up an organization that can* have the continuity, which has been missing for years in student government, to become a force to be reckoned with here at Purdue University Calumet.

According to what is written in the SGA Constitution, I have assumed the role of SGA President as a result of previously being in the position of SGA Vice-President. While David has left some big shoes to fill, I am looking forward to meeting the challenge. I have selected the former Speaker of the Senate and the Senator for the School of Nursing, Kayla Weck, as the SGA Vice-President. She has excelled in everything she has done with the SGA thus far, and her "get-it-done" attitude will be very beneficial for the student body here at PUC.

Our plans for the spring semester are to build on what SGA has accomplished so far. We are planning on becoming a much more visible presence on campus, hopefully allowing the SGA to become more reachable and accessible to students. We are going to be looking for more feedback from the student body as well, so we can address the issues that may be going unnoticed. The SGA will continue to work on tough issues such as food services, campus security, textbook prices, and the possibility of a fall break. The Student Government Association also has a few new projects that we will begin to take on during the spring semester that will directly benefit the students at PUC. Every member of the SGA, including myself, is excited about the new levels we can reach as an organization this upcoming semester.

Congratulations to all the PUC students who will graduate this Tuesday. I wish them the best of luck in all of their future endeavors. I wish everyone at PUC a safe and joyful holiday season, and I look forward to seeing everyone when we return in 2010!

~Jessie Martin, Student Body President

Paid for by the Student Government Association

What's Going On?
A look around PUC...

H1N1 vaccine available for students
PUC's Student Health Services Center has received a limited supply of H1N1 influenza inactivated vaccine. Similar to a seasonal flu shot, this vaccine is intended to be injected into one's arm.
More information about the H1N1 vaccine available to PUC students can be obtained by contacting the university's Student Health Services Center at shs-center@calumet.purdue.edu or 219/989-1235.

PUC will host a series of free 90-minute financial aid workshops. These workshops are funded in part by a Legacy Foundation of Northwest Indiana grant, awarded to PUC's Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound programs to improve and expand college access in Lake County. Workshops are scheduled for 5 p.m. on Jan. 27 and Feb. 17 at The Calumet Conference Center.

Calumet Campus Shop is buying back books
"Get cash for your used books!"
Bookstore hours:
Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
The Academic Learning Center is hosting a Remote Buyback on Dec. 16 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The 4th Annual Pancake Study Break Free with PUC ID
Oaken Arbor Café located in SULB
Monday, Dec. 14
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Sponsored by Student Activities, Housing and Residential Education and University Village Hall Council.

Spring 2010 Foreign Language Courses

FR 390/490: Introduction to French Poetry: From Ronsard to Eluard
MW - 3:30 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.
Instructor: Dr. Jin Lu

SPAN 490A/ SPAN 590A: Don Quixote
F - 10:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.
Instructor: Professor Marisa Garcia-Verdugo

Summer study abroad in Mexico
Finish your language requirement by taking two of the following classes for a total of six credit hours: Spanish 490A Mayan Culture: Civilization, 461 Intermediate Spanish Composition, or 490B Latin American Literature.
For more information, contact Gloria Dimas in CLO 301 or by email at dimasg@calumet.purdue.edu, or contact Prof. Jorge Roman-Lagunas at roman@calumet.purdue.edu.

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CLARIFICATION

Last week, in "PUC Actors Speak 'Off the Map,'" there was misleading information published. Dutch Williams was not the sole designer of the "Off the Map" sets. Graduate student Jim Severa was the lead set designer.

The Chronicle regrets this error.

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Getting that second chance

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Everything about my third grade year went wrong: my teacher did not like me because I was Smartypants McKnowitall, I was held back from my accelerated learning program because, "Adrian needs to go at the same pace as everyone else," and in general I rebelled against the establishment because they wanted me to be like everyone else and I did not like it one bit.

My second lease on that third grade year has its own story, though. I applied for a job at the beginning of this year with the School City of Hammond and got a call back six months later about an opening at the elementary school I attended 15 years prior.

Naturally, I jumped at the opportunity and for the past three months have been educating kids in the very classroom where my own development was stifled.

Luckily, that particular teacher is no longer there and I now work with the entire third grade teaching staff which consists of a first-year teacher and two 30+ year veterans, one who taught my 5th grade class.

Long story short, I have been given a second chance to relive and replace the year which sticks in my mind like the terrible memory it is. How often does someone get an opportunity to do something over like this, let alone at the same place with many of the same people? Not many, if at all.

This experience has allowed me to learn a lot about myself - to see things in the kids I work with, reminding me of myself at their age. It also motivates me to be better, for them and my own self.

Almost everyday, for the first few weeks I worked, I saw something in the "troubled" kids that made me reflect on my own personality. It is a harsh mirror to look into.

But, I am learning as are they. I am becoming the better person I wish I would have been in my actual third grade year. I'm also making up for all the things I missed out on when I was that age, both good and bad.

Everyday, I revisit something I loved and find new joy in it.

Everyday, I do something I once hated and now enjoy or still hate with a passion.

Everyday, I teach a child something new and the look of frustration in their face mirrors mine. It is tough.

Everyday, something clicks in their minds and the light bulb going on above their head lights up their face as well as my soul, which has found illumination in this work.

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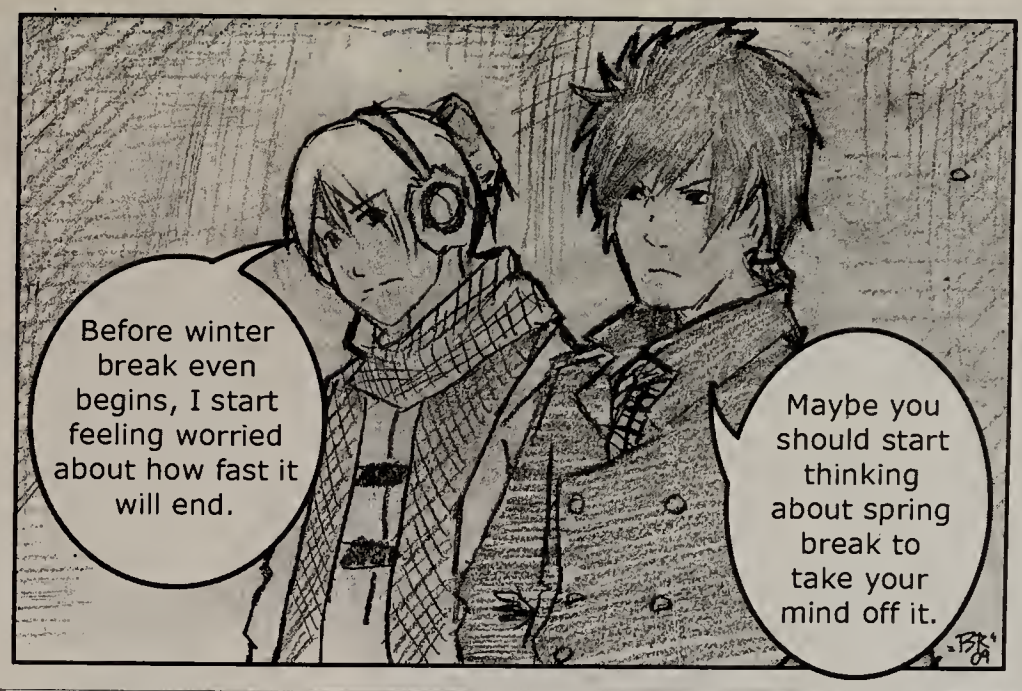
Before winter break even begins, I start feeling worried about how fast it will end.
Maybe you should start thinking about spring break to take your mind off it.

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Legislation process a three way street

The issue: Roadblocks causing traffic jam in legislation process

Our position: Campus success depends on more than one factor

The fall 2009 semester has seen the reenactment of the SGA and the development of a once-broken institution into a functional organization – an association whose declared mission is to be the voice of the students.

With the semester drawing to a close, it is wise for student's who have actively participated in campus life to assess how this organization, as well as the administration, has helped improve the university.

The SGA has proposed and passed several initiatives during fall 2009, including the Textbook Affordability Act and the Fall Break Proposal. However, these legislations have stopped short of becoming adopted by the administration by way of the Faculty Senate.

The SGA has proposed plans in regards to the spring 2010 semester, such as creating a stronger visual presence on campus and attempting to get PUC students more involved in events concerning campus.

While the proposals carry the weight of good intentions, the burden of proof falls not only on the SGA to enact the legislations proposed and make good on the suggestions, but also the faculty senate and the student body itself.

This task is a double-edged sword for those who choose to view it as such, with the possibility of some gaining more than others from the feat, while others fall by the wayside.

However, these goals to not have to be a distant dream striving to become reality – as long as those involved bear in mind that the way to achieve these goals begins at a three way street.

During spring 2010, the SGA needs to make good on their claim of creating a stronger visual presence on campus, perhaps by first engaging the Faculty and Administration in order to achieve results for the student body. The new SGA president should break the habit set by his predecessor by actively passing legislation through the Faculty Senate.

The Faculty Senate should put aside conflicting beliefs on whether or not we have earned autonomy from the main campus and focus on what is best for the students at PUC. It has been clear that at many times, the Senate has exhausted SGA legislation by glossing over proposals or avoiding certain subject matter.

The student body could be mostly to blame for the lack of movement with these issues. Students' blatant lack of caring and unwillingness to question the status quo keeps both the SGA and the Faculty Senate from fully fulfilling their job requirements.

These behaviors on the part of all key players in this situation should be admonished. However, moving forward into a new semester gives everyone an opportunity to start fresh in order to make this campus a better place for all who attend it.

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What I want for Christmas

Nathyn Gibson
Photo Editor

While watching television one night, I noticed a Macy's commercial mentioning children writing Christmas wish lists and sending them to the store. While I might not be a child anymore (only the maturity of one), I feel like I can compose a wish list just about PUC.

• I wish I could ride the University Police Segway to class.

• I wish the male students would quit treating the bathrooms on campus like a truck stop bathroom. Is it really that hard to flush the toilets and urinals after use? It is disgusting and makes the school look bad.

• I wish Matt Dudzik gets rewarded in some way for the efforts he takes when it comes to intramurals. They make up a large majority of the student activity at PUC. Looking at the IUN website, the only intramurals available this fall were coed basketball, flag football, dodge ball and ping pong, while PUC offers a much wider variety of intramurals including volleyball, soccer and rock paper scissors.

• I wish the sensors on the sensor-operated water fountains worked when I walk up to it because right now it's like waiting for a bus.

• I wish only people that need the handicap spot will use the handicap spot. One weekday morning, I saw what appeared to be one person handing the handicap notice from his car to another friend. I would be interested to find out the explanation for this.

• I wish more students would become interested in seeing the basketball team play in the gym, especially the women's team, since they have improved in the last couple of years and can be a potential threat in the CCAC playoffs. With another dorm open and over 10,000 students attending, it is sad that attendance has not increased as much as I hoped.

• In all actuality, I wish there was better student involvement on campus. It is the one downside of being a commuter campus, most people just come in, go to class and leave. I understand that people need to work, but it will not be the university's fault if years from now there are complaints about not getting the full college experience.

• I wish I could get paid by the hour.

• I wish the SUL building was open as long as the Gyte building.

• I wish the Oaken Arbor Café was open later than 3 p.m. I appreciate their efforts including the experimental dinner programs this semester, but serving dinner should be a common practice for the cafeteria, especially since PUC is slowly being turned into a regional campus. I hope they continue to work with the SGA and reach a compromise because, if not, then there are other campus catering services that could take its place.

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Campaign for students

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The average PUC student living at home with their parents in Indiana and taking 14 credit hours per semester pays $7,462 a year in tuition, fees and books. This may be a bargain for some, but many college students find this a financial strain.

This information is cited by PUC as a reason behind introducing The Campaign for Students. It is an end-of-the-year drive focusing on increased private support for student scholarships at a time when need is great.

This campaign for scholarship money will help students by increasing the grant dollars available which do not need to be repaid, according to Chancellor Howard Cohen. The money for this program comes in via individual donations.

"Many individuals who donate choose to direct their donation to specific academic departments," Cohen said. "But donation dollars that are not specified go to the general scholarship fund."

A good place to contribute money for this campaign is one of the many existing campus scholarships. Each PUC school and department has a scholarship fund.

In a Nov. 23 NWI Times article, according to PUC Vice Chancellor for Advancement Daniel Hendricks, a donation of $1,000 or more to the campaign will help purchase a semester of a student's textbooks, fund four credit hours of coursework and help pay for car travel to and from campus. Donors are also offered the opportunity to name the scholarship for the campaign, allowing them to honor a friend, their family, teacher or colleague in the process.

If some donors are up to donating a lot of money and if they want to leave behind a legacy in this campaign, they can create an endowment to provide an opportunity to assist students beyond a lifetime.

For those who donate $25,000 or more, which can be paid over a period of five years, donors will be able to create a scholarship investment supporting the educational efforts of PUC students as long as PUC exists. This gift also allows the donor an opportunity to name the scholarship for the campaign and in the process, forever memorialize a friend, their family, teacher, colleague or mentor.

However, any donation, big or small, will help this campaign go a long way.

"Even modest gifts will help our students, who are attending Purdue Calumet in record numbers, make important progress toward their goal of earning a Purdue degree," Chancellor Cohen said in the NWI Times article.

The Campaign for Students is available to all students, but Chancellor Cohen said in order to be eligible, students need to fill out the financial aid forms.

"The funds are not need-based," Cohen said. "Students should check with the financial aid office to see if they qualify for scholarships."

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

To learn more about the Campaign for Students or make an online donation, visit their official website at www.calumet.purdue.edu/thecampaignforstudents.

Commencement signals close of semester, the year 2009

Carl Kurek
Staff Writer

The Radisson Star Plaza Theatre in Merrillville will be hosting PUC's 59th Commencement Exercises for students graduating this semester, along with those who finished classes this past summer.

The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 and all guests need a ticket in order to attend. The Academic Procession will assemble at 5:15 p.m. and begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The fall 2009 graduating class consists of 73 Master's degree candidates, 395 Baccalaureate candidates and 39 who pursued associate degrees.

"We expect a total of about 450 graduates from summer and December candidates participating in our Commencement Exercises," PUC Assistant Vice Chancellor for Advancement and University Relations Wes Lukoshus said.

Chancellor Howard Cohen and electrical and computer engineering Professor David Kozel will address the students at the ceremony. Kozel has been an electrical engineering faculty member at PUC for 20 years and was the recipient of the university's Outstanding Teacher Award for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Student Body President David Ober was chosen to give the response on behalf of the graduating class. Cohen said that the selection comes as a result of recommendations made by faculty members.

"It is a great privilege and honor to be chosen to speak on behalf of the graduating class," Ober said. "I am very humbled to have such a wonderful opportunity."

Ober plans to start his graduate degree either next summer or next fall at George Washington University in Washington D.C where he will study political management.

Ober hopes to work in a technology role for a non-profit organization while he works towards his graduate degree and also looks forward to working on some political campaigns next year.

"PUC has prepared me well for the next journey. The leadership experience that I have gained while at PUC is priceless," Ober said.

Ober is excited to be finishing his undergraduate work and looks forward to the future, but he will miss the friends and colleagues that he has made during his time at PUC.

"It is a bittersweet moment," Ober said, "My one word of wisdom to the underclassmen at PUC would be to find at least two organizations that they find interesting and get involved."

Jiu-jitsu fills members with 'Gi'

Lane Lareau
Staff Writer

Entangled in sweat and limbs, students from PUC wrestled and grappled each other at the first meeting of Purdue's new Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Club on Dec. 5.

According to Patrick Fritza, jiu-jitsu is a grappling martial art involving two people using their skills and knowledge to try to outwork and outclass the other person. The techniques in jiu-jitsu involve applying joint locks to render one's opponent unable to move. He compared jiu-jitsu to a chess game, requiring individuals to plan for positions three moves ahead.

Fritza, president of the club and freshman at PUC, said he loves Brazilian jiu-jitsu and started the club to share it with other students. Fritza has competed in competitions both locally and regionally, including Milwaukee and Indianapolis.

According to John Bojczuk, vice president of the club and a PUC freshman, 23 students have currently signed up for the club; four of them attended the first meeting.

Prior to forming the club, Fritza discussed with students on campus what they thought about the prospective club.

Fritza said not many students know about jiu-jitsu, but the club provides a venue for students to learn useful techniques for self-defense and to relieve stress.

"You really must see it, feel it and do it to understand its beauty," Fritza said.

At one point during the meeting, the students performed a warm-up exercise called shrimping, where they used their elbows and legs to propel themselves across the floor. Fritza later had the students practice techniques incorporating the motions used in shrimping.

Alex Kazmierczak, a freshman majoring in business, noted the club provides students an opportunity to learn self-discipline and to pursue physical fitness.

Kazmierczak shared that he trained in jiu-jitsu for three months before other commitments took him away from training. He said he joined the club in order to restart his training.

The club meets Saturdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Corral's Martial Arts. The studio is located at 820 Cedar Parkway in Schererville, IN, adjacent to U.S. Route 30.

Braulio Corral, the owner of Corral's Martial Arts, said that besides providing an outlet for relieving stress, the club also offers students an opportunity to compete.

The studio created student clubs at PUC, Purdue North Central, IUN and Valparaiso University. Corral said each of the clubs started at the same time so the students may train and develop their skills at the same pace.

Corral said the clubs plan to host intercollegiate competitions for students who are interested in pursuing jiu-jitsu. These clubs will expose students to competitions and prepare them for those competitions, Corral said.

Even though the club is free, Fritza encourages members to purchase a gi for around $60.

The club's demographic is mostly males between the ages of 18 and 22. Despite the demographic, Fritza added that there is no age limit and women are welcome to join.

"Anyone can do it, and it's never too late to start," Fritza said. "Even if you are looking to just have fun, it's a great time for all."

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Charities need holiday help

Marissa O'Donley
Staff Writer

During a recession, many people are pinching pennies and trying to cover their own expenses, leaving little to give a charity or person. This does not bode well since, as stated on the Charity Navigator, many charities rely heavily on the "year-end generosity of donors."

If money is tight and you still want to give, it is a good idea to be sure money is going towards a legitimate charity. Here are some tips and ideas for those wishing to give holiday cheer in the form of donations.

One way to verify a given charity is legitimate is to ask for written documents showing it is nonprofit, where the donations are sent and spent and general income information. Unlike scammers who are unlikely to supply such information, most charities will supply the information on request.

The media is another good place to look. Even though a charity in question may be financially sound, it does not mean it is above unethical practices. Look out for articles relating information on lawsuits and complaints they have had lodged against them before choosing. Scam-info-links.info is a great place to begin searching for possible scams.

There are many places around NWI accepting donations. The Salvation Army, which has representatives standing outside Ultra Foods, Wal-Mart, Walgreens and many other locations daily, look for donations around Christmas time.

During the holiday season, people are not the only ones who need charity. Additionally, donations do not need to be monetary.

Animal-based organizations often need donations of towels, dog and cat food and cleaning supplies in order to help shelter animals. I Wanna Go Home Dog and Cat Rescue, the Humane Society and Treasured Friends often need these items.

Haven House, as seen at the PUC Convocation, often needs clothing donations. Additionally, the YMCA, Goodwill, your local churches and family service companies are all options. There are many charities not within the PUC area as well.

Currently, the Honors Student Association is sponsoring Toys for Tots. A box is set up in SULB to collect any new, unwrapped toys people wish to donate. These toys will go to children ages twelve and under in the local community.

A volunteer committee recently began at PUC. The opportunities provided by the committee are for those students who would like to give their services rather than money or items.

Rick Riddering, assistant vice chancellor, said the volunteer committee is designed to organize and explore ways to expand volunteer opportunities.

The committee is looking for two or three students to join the staff and faculty involved in meetings. According to Riddering, there is also volunteer work for any PUC student who wishes to take part, as long as they have a "passionate heart" and want to help the community.

WANT TO HELP OUT?

Students can go to webs.calumet.purdue.edu/csv or call 989-2564 for information on the volunteer committee and any open opportunities currently available.

You can also find a list of charities in the Hammond area, along with across the globe, at http://www.charity-charities.org/

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Take off with new Challenger activities this winter

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Karen Kovach resets the mission simulators after Heritage Middle School from Lansing Ill field trip Thursday.

Joelle Halon
News Editor

Keep your eyes to the skies and prepare to blast off into space during the winter recess. Bring your children, younger siblings, or young relatives to PUC's Challenger Learning Center during the break.

Starting Dec. 18, the CLC will be offering space activities for children. All of these activities are built around fostering interests in science and astronomy. They are sure to bring smiles to many faces.

On Dec. 12, the Holiday Magic Laser Light Show will be held at 11 a.m. and on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. According to Amanda Maynard, the executive director of the CLC, the Holiday Magic Laser Light Show is a visual light show that is synchronized with music.

"[The show] will be set to different Christmas songs, like 'Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer,'" Maynard said. "There will be different pictures, almost like a kaleidoscope. It's more of a visual and musical experience than a planetarium experience."

The holiday Magic Laser Light Show also has limited seating, so reservations are recommended. Admission is $7 for adults, $5 for kids 14 and under and PUC students.

Beginning Jan. 12, the CLC will also host the Explorer's Club, an after school activity for students in third through fifth grade.

The Explorer's Club is one hour a week, six week activity that kids can attend for science-based educational activities. Depending on the activities, the CLC may run a planetarium show for the children.

The activities that the kids will be working on are all hands-on science activities.

"Essentially, it's for the kids that want to come back here. We get a lot of questions when they come here with their school groups," Maynard said. "It's especially for kids who really like space science."

According to Maynard, for the Explorer's Club, the CLC follows the GEM curriculum, which stands for Great Explorations in Math and Science. With the GEM program, any of the concepts regarding math and science students learn from their respected classes can also be applied during the Explorer's Club and vice versa.

Another activity, the Astro-Tot's Club, runs from Jan. 13 to Feb. 17, 2010. The program is from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesdays and is for children ages two to three and their caretakers.

"It's a 'mommy and me' type of thing where we have them come in and we read stories with them, and we have craft activities with them," Maynard said.

Maynard added that there might be a planetarium show with the AstroTot's program.

With both the Explorer's Club and AstroTot's Club, reservations are required.

Additionally, the Explorer's Club and AstroTot's are not free activities, as they cost $75 each. There are no discounts available for PUC students.

"Since this the first time the programs are available, we're probably not going to do discounts just because we're not sure how the programs are going to run," Maynard said.

The CLC is located at 2300 173rd Street behind the Fitness Center.

With tidings and cheer, SSA closed out the year

Lane Lareau
Staff Writer

'Twas Tuesday night of the Secular Student Alliance holiday party and all through the room, holiday classics played softly and religious discussions did loom; cupcakes and brownie bites littered the tables, with newspaper-wrapped gifts lacking labels.

At the group's last meeting for the semester, Nikko Elliott, president of the SSA, thanked the 23 students gathered for a successful first semester.

The holiday party included a 10-minute discussion of some of the holidays celebrated during this time of the year. Elliott read through a list of holidays, quoting information he gathered from Wikipedia.

The holidays mentioned included those observed by Buddhists, secularists, Wiccans, Jews, Muslims, Africans and Christians.

Elliott shared with the students the night would not be discussion-based like the regular meetings. He said he wanted the students to have a night of fun and games. Those activities included a white elephant gift exchange, inflatable baseball played in an adjacent classroom and several rounds of Catch Phrase.

The gift exchange brought outbursts of laughter from the students with gifts ranging from baby oil and $5 to parakeet food and "The Case for Christ" DVD by Lee Strobel.

Even amidst the game of Catch Phrase, themes of religion infiltrated the holiday party.

During one round of the word guessing game, Chris Hartman, vice president of SSA, provided a clue to his team for the word displayed on the gaming device.

"The place God kicked us out of," Hartman said while glancing at the screen.

"The Garden of Eden," Elliott replied.

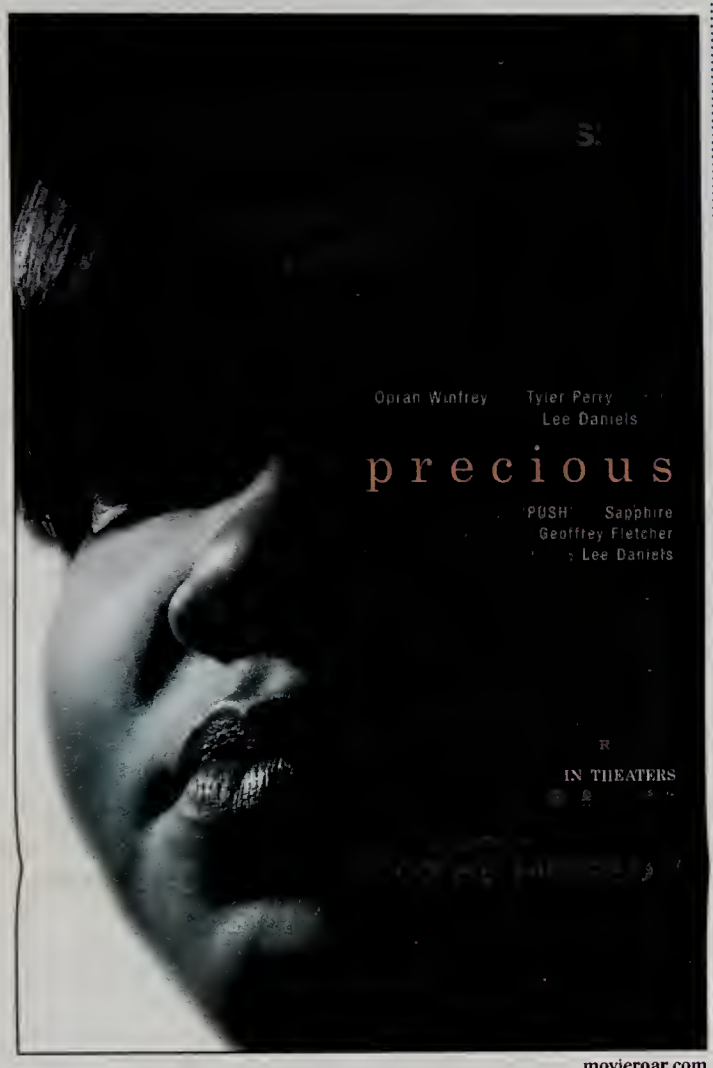
The SSA was not the only student organization to celebrate the holiday season.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship held a Christmas party and honored the fall 2009 graduates Thursday night at the group's last meeting for the semester.

Echo Purdue Calumet, born out of a regional Christian group called Echo, will be holding a joint Christmas party on Dec. 15 at Echo's main meeting site. The event will be held at 9501 Indianapolis Blvd. in Highland, Ind.

Gonzalez & Barone on films

Novel adaptation is 'Precious'



movieroar.com

Maria Gonzalez
Staff Writer

The heartwrenching movie "Precious" is a film worth watching. This film is filled with much despair, misfortune, and grief, yet it will leave moviegoers with hope and an aspiration to succeed in life.

Clareece 'Precious' Jones (Gabourey Sidibe) is a pregnant sixteen-year-old-girl from 1987 Harlem, who suffers from an array of abuse from both her mother and father. Her character breaks away from the horrific experiences in her life by escaping into a fantasy world of optimism and positive circumstances. Precious' mother, Mary (Mo'Nique), is abusive and resentful of her daughter, but despite the resentment, somewhere deep in the mother's heart, there is a measure of love for her daughter. Through all of the troubles Precious is faced with, she still strives to get an education and wants to give her two children a better life. Precious' teacher, Ms. Rain (Paula Patton) attempts to lend a hand to help her thrive in the world. Just when Precious' life starts to look pleasant, an unexpected setback occurs which makes her realize what kind of people she is really surrounded by.

Sidibe and Mo'Nique have great chemistry and were completely compatible with one another, which in turn presented an excellent job bringing their characters to life. Through all the situations created in the movie, Sidibe brought a unique spark to the film, leaving audiences rooting and hopeful her dreams do come true. The close ups of the pain in Sidibe eyes and the presented joy of the silver-lining daydreams Sidibe portrays are all examples of the true triumphant talent she possesses. Through the malicious acts of Mo'Nique's character, she still has moments when she displays her vulnerability and desire to be tender instead of brash towards her daughter. The characters portrayed in this film are realistic and relatable in their own ways.

There are some well-known celebrities, such as Lenny Kravitz and Mariah Carey, who are almost unrecognizable and did a good job with their acting without disturbing the essence of the film's plot. Lee Daniels, director of the film, has done a marvelous job with playing into the hearts of his audience, yet never distorting the seriousness of the situations portrayed. Precious is a down-to-earth movie that uplifts the spirit of its audience to strive for better.

Precious is the movie of the year to see, and deserves the "Pere-grin!"

Disney demotes first black princess

aceshowbiz.com

Gina Barone
Entertainment Editor

The first ever all-African-American cast portrays the traditional fairy tale The Princess and the Frog. This was Disney's chance to reach out and truly inspire fans of all colors, considering its past of negative portrayals.

Ten minutes into the film, viewers find the main character Tiana is not a princess. Disney demoted its first ever black princess to a waitress, peculiar given the name —"The Princess and the Frog." One might be let down and confused, but continue viewing to see where the new plot will go.

The first portion of the movie drags: enough back-story on Tiana bores and the frog takes forever to finally show up. Tiana was the only three-dimensional character in the movie. While she was demoted, her character is hard-working, honest and has family values for which she gets criticized by family and friends.

When the scene played to death in previews finally fills the screen—with Tiana in a beautiful gown in a scenic room—she is in her spoiled, rich, white friend's gown and home during a party, which Disney misrepresented in the movie trailers.

At this point, the frog prince appears, the story finally begins to more forward and the transformation happens in a different manner than the story book.

As the frog prince and Tiana are forced to spend time together, they discover they are poles apart. The prince is philandering, spoiled and callous. Charisma is thrown in the mix, however, so the viewer does not completely write him off. Other characters introduced, such as a lightning bug and a crocodile, help Tiana and the frog prince on their journey.

The music in the film is the main redeeming factor. The score, composed entirely by Randy Newman, is rhythmic, heartfelt and exuberant enough to encourage any viewer into dancing in the aisles.

The plot, characters and moral of the story leave much to be desired. First, the frog prince completely changes his tune in a 24-hour period and falls in love with Tiana. He morphs from his egotistical ways into a sweet, genuine character quickly enough to be thoroughly unbelievable. Second, Tiana, whose motto is hard work to get where you want in this world, is discouraged by every character and plot twist.

Individuals range from borderline to outright stereotype. From the spoiled prince, stupid white hillbillies, the working-class black girl, to the rich white selfish brat, each character is a stock character.

After a 48-hour period, Tiana makes the choice of love over her hard work and dreams. She gets married to the frog prince, which not only is completely contradictory to her character, but happens too quickly for the viewers' comfort. The message sent to young children everywhere pits marriage against hard work and dreams.

Another drag to the movie is the death of the lightning bug. At the moment, the misfortune is disheartening, but there was not enough emotional connection to truly feel heartbreak. The death of this bug does not simply end there. It is like the end of the opera La Boheme, where the dying woman sings a twenty-minute aria before finally keeling over. The death scene dragged so long, the viewer is annoyed a little bug takes up so much time.

In true Disney fashion, the movie ends happily. Tiana ends up with all of her dreams fulfilled and becomes a princess, however only because she marries the price. Disney had a chance to create a unique inspirational experience with its first African-American cast, however it did not.

Other than the beauty of the animation and the amazing music, Disney carried on its tradition of portraying African-Americans in subservient roles. This movie may as well have been made in the 1950s. Disney's The Princess and the Frog deserves the "pere-frown."

THE VERDICTS

"The Princess and the Frog" gets The Chronicle's first ever "Pere-frown" and "Precious" gets yet another "Pere-grin" from the staff.

Viral Videos

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Photo Editor

Ode To Joy
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnT7pT6zCcA

To give the Viral Videos a touch of class, we present Beaker from the Muppet Show performing "Ode to Joy" by Beethoven.

Lady Gaga electrocuted during show
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQELoPvdLeQ

Even without the splicing of two different footages for comedic effect, Lady Gaga is still one of the strangest musicians today and possibly the only musician that could buy her costumes at Ikea.

Close call montage
http://www.collegehumor.com/video:1925985

While the events on this video are amazing, it must be said many of the people in this video are complete morons that natural selection hasn't got to yet.

Star Trek meets Monty Python
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luVjkTEloJc

Forget Hanna Montana and Miley Cyrus, this is indeed the best of both worlds.

NinjAway
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ws78UbumpA

PUC's own NeoMikey is back with another beneficial commercial for Ninjaway. "Cause ninja's can't catch you when you're on fire."

Grindcore baby
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPZCTChe7Qo

I have to admit, he's up there with the likes of Norma Jean and The Devil Wears Prada.

The Tetris God
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4GYRDb-9Dc

While the Tetris God is sometimes cruel, he doesn't laugh at us like the God of Duck Hunt.

Health & Fitness corner

LeAnne Munoz
Editor in Chief

They are common phrases thrown around by parents and teachers: "Sit up straight!" or "Don't slouch!"

When you are young, it is easy to allow this advice to work its way in one ear and out the other, but these recommendations may actually help you more than you thought.

A recent study done by Professor of Psychology Richard Petty from Ohio State University showed, "people who were told to sit up straight were more likely to believe thoughts they wrote down while in that posture concerning whether they were qualified for a job."

In an article for the Ohio State University newspaper, Research, Petty said, "Most of us were taught that sitting up straight gives a good impression to other people, but it turns out that our posture can also affect how we think about ourselves. If you sit up straight, you end up convincing yourself by the posture you're in."

Feeling more secure in your thoughts is not the only reason why achieving good posture should be on your To-Do List. According to jointventurespt.com, good benefits can benefit a person by ways reducing pressure on discs in the lower back and neck and preventing muscle tension headaches. Good posture can also help prevent muscle imbalances, which may lead to back pain somewhere down the road. Backdoc.com states good posture can also help lower stress in some people, aid in breathing and improve digestion.

Another reason to stand up straight: according to beautysecrets.verseo.com, good posture can help a person to look five pounds slimmer.

When obtaining good posture, practice makes perfect. Sometimes it's easy to allow yourself to slouch when browsing the Internet or watching TV because sitting up tall may feel unnatural and stiff. According to yourtotalhealth.com, participating in exercise programs such as Yoga or Pilates is a great way to improve posture, because both programs frequently require a person to pull back their shoulder blades and expand their chest. To find yoga postures that may work for you, go to http://www.yogasite.com/postures.html.

Kansaschirofoundation.com has a few lifestyle tips for maintaining good posture for life:

• Keep weight down - excess weight, especially around the middle, pulls on the back, weakening stomach muscles.

• Develop a regular program of exercise - regular exercise keeps you flexible and helps tone muscles to support proper posture.

• Buy good bedding - a firm mattress will support the spine and help maintain the same shape as a person with good upright posture.

• Pay attention to injuries - from bumps, falls and jars, injuries from youth may cause growth abnormalities or postural adaptations to the injury or pain that can show up later in life.

• Have your eyes examined - a vision problem can affect the way you carry yourself as well as cause eyestrain

Have an idea for a future H&F column? Contact LeAnne with it at chronicle_eic@yahoo.com

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The 2009-2010 academic year ushers in a very exciting time for Purdue University Calumet. Phase II of The University Village community will open its doors for the very first time and will nearly double the on-campus population of The University Village community on Purdue University Calumet's campus.

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Best Christmas TV specials

William Koester
Staff Writer

"The Simpsons"
"Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire"

The famous yellow family has served up several Christmas memories over the years (Bart shoplifting a video game, the sinister Funzo dolls, Lisa becoming a Buddhist), but none have ever topped the series' very first episode. The story tells of Homer and Bart and how they adopted the family dog, Santa's Little Helper. While the animation looks primitive and the show's creative peak was still a few years away, even after 20 years, the episode is still funny and kind of sweet, which is more than is said of the show in recent years.

"The Sopranos"
"...To Save Us All From Satan's Power..."

Though more of a chapter in a long story than a stand-alone episode, this is one of the best installments in HBO's mob drama. As Tony Soprano (James Gandolfini), and his crew get ready for Christmas, they are haunted by memories of a deceased friend who betrayed them. The episode offers a unique take on remembering lost family and friends during the holidays. The final scene is also one of the funniest moments of the whole series.

"South Park"
"Woodland Critter Christmas"

Usually, Christmas-themed episodes are the incredibly dumb low points of this vulgar cartoon classicwhich is not true of this edition. What begins as a seemingly innocent seasonal tale soon turns into a dark and twisted holiday horror story encompassing the Antichrist, demonic forest animals, and abortions. Like most episodes of "South Park," this is a sick, demented, and outrageously funny spoof of overly cheerful family Christmas specials.

"Married...With Children"
"It's a Bundyful Life"

Most sitcoms typically have their characters pull through anything despite all odds, this lowbrow and ever-cynical comedy never let its characters catch a break, not even on Christmas. In a send-up of "It's A Wonderful Life," the hapless Al Bundy (Ed O'Neil) is shown by his guardian angel (the late, great comedian Sam Kinison), what life would be like if he were never born. But unlike George Bailey, Al discovers that the world is much better of without him. Not exactly the warmest Christmas special, but what it lacks in sentiment, it makes up for in laugh-out-loud hilarity.

"Seinfeld"
"The Strike"

Christmas isn't the only holiday this time of year; there is also Hanukah, Kwanza, and New Year's. Then for "Seinfeld" fans, there is Festivus. This episode details the traditions of the alternative holiday created by George Costanza's (Jason Alexander) father Frank (Jerry Stiller), such as the Festivus Pole, the Airing of Grievances, and the Feats of Strength. The results are very comical. As always, the main cast is good in the episode, but Stiller steals the show.

Judd plays Lunch Music Series

Chronicle photo by Nathyn D. Gibson

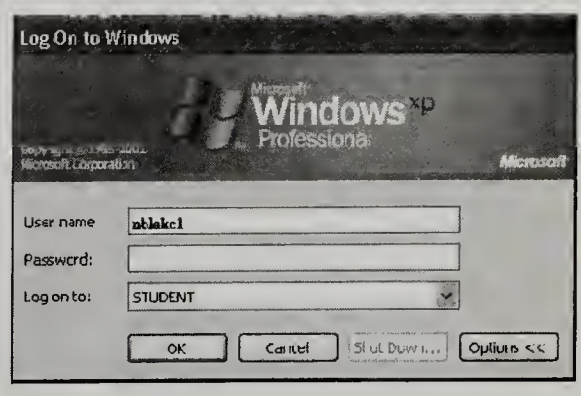
Cary Judd performed in the Oaken Arbor Café Monday as a part of the Music Lunch Series. For video of Judd performing go to pucchronicle.com

IS Connection
Information Services at Purdue University Calumet

New Login Process

In addition to "single sign-on" access to Purdue Calumet's online resources, students will enjoy a simplified login process to campus workstations beginning Jan. 15. **The Novell Client software, which students currently use to log on to campus terminals, is being removed.**

Beginning Jan. 15, students will log in to *Windows* using only their Career Account usernames and passwords



Example: Nick Blake's Career Account username is "nblake1."
Windows Login username = "nblake1"

NOTE: Students will no longer use the "nblake1.n.students" format for logging in.

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ADMINISTRATIVE
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Winter weather & decisions to cancel classes, close campus

Last week's first winter weather blast of the season is a telling reminder that, occasionally, in the interest of personal safety, it is necessary to suspend classes and/or close the campus due to adverse weather conditions or other sudden, unusual, or unexpected circumstances.

The Chancellor, in consultation with the Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, will decide when it is necessary to take such action. Various communication channels will be used to express decisions to **CANCEL CLASSES** and/or **CLOSE THE UNIVERSITY**. Depending on when those decisions are made, university communications channels are as follows:

COMMUNICATION CHANNELS:

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WLOI (1540 am – LaPorte)
WXRD (103.9 fm – Valparaiso)
WZVN (107 fm – Valparaiso)
WLTH (1270 am – Gary)
WLPR Lake Shore Public Radio (89.1 fm – Lowell)

Television (Chicago stations unless otherwise indicated)

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CBS-TV/Channel 2
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Fox-TV/Channel 32
NBC-TV/Channel 5
WGN-TV/Channel 9
NW Indiana Lake Shore Public (Merrillville)

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At the direction of the Chancellor and/or Vice Chancellor for Administrative Services, notification to resume normal campus operations will be communicated via Purdue University Calumet's homepage (www.calumet.purdue.edu). Additional channels may be used as appropriate.

NOTE: Radio and television stations typically do not announce resumption of activities/operations.

FALL 2009 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

CLASS TIME	FINAL EXAM TIME
Monday Classes	
M 8AM, 8:30AM	W 8 - 10AM
M 9AM, 9:30AM	M 8 - 10AM
M 10AM, 10:30AM	M 10:30AM-12:30PM
M 11AM, 11:30AM	W 10:30AM-12:30PM
M 12NOON, 12:30PM	M 1 - 3PM
M 1PM, 1:30PM	M 1 - 3PM
M 2PM, 2:30PM	W 1 - 3PM
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Saturday Classes	
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S 11AM, 12NOON, 1PM	S 12 - 2PM
S 2PM, 3PM	S 2 - 4PM

Streak stops at three

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

File photo

Neal Hudson led the Peregrines in scoring with 35 points

Indiana University East ended the Peregrines' three-game win streak with two minutes left in the second half, when the Red Bulls took the lead for the last time. PUC led for most of the game, but surrendered late to lose 85-81.

In the first half, both teams scrapped back and forth, exchanging the lead five times. IUE's guard, Tyler Rigby, led both teams with 15 points, nine of which were 3-point shots, heading into half time.

Peregrines' forward, Neal Hudson, led PUC scoring in the first half with 12 out of his game total of 35 points.

According to Coach Dan Voudrie, no one at this level is bigger, stronger and more mature than Hudson.

Leading scorers for the Peregrines were Neal Hudson 35, Aaron Evans 13 and Kameron Bright 13.

"There were a couple of individual performances both ways that were outstanding," Voudrie said.

After both teams shot well from the field in the first half, with PUC shooting 54.1 percent and IUE shooting 53.3 percent, only the Red Bulls kept the hot hand in the second half. Shooting 59.3 percent from the field during the second half, IUE was able to overtake the Peregrines at the end of the game.

"We allowed just too many lay-ups and open three's," Peregrines forward Mark Sutter, said. "When you play a team like that, they're not going to miss many. Our lead that we had shrunk. We couldn't overcome it."

PUC's defense was porous for much of the game, according to Voudrie.

"There were just too many defensive breakdowns for us to beat a team like this," Voudrie said. "I don't think we had a single stretch in the game where we got multiple stops in a row."

The Peregrines lost to The Red Bulls at IUE in the IU/PU Challenge on Nov. 13, by a score of 101-84. According to Sutter, the point difference between the two games comes down to experience.

"We have more games under our belt and have more confidence playing these guys," Sutter said. "In my opinion, we should have beat them...it doesn't always work out that way."

PUC's record drops to 3-7 for the season.

Chorus sings, Angels win

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Angels of Glory celebrate after defeating Spiked Punch in the intramural volleyball finals.

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Last week, the Intramural Volleyball league came to a close with its championship match. Angels of Glory emerged victorious from the hard and well-played game against Spiked Punch.

Both teams had a chance to warm up before their match against one another. Greeting each other with "good lucks" and handshakes, they prepared for a rematch from regular season.

"They had beaten us before," Grace Gerhard of Angels of Glory said, "we came in with a winning mentality. We knew they were going to be good, but we still had to play hard."

It did not start off too well for the Angels, as Spiked Punch created a good lead, 5-0.

Francisco Madrigal hit the floor multiple times in attempted digs to keep the ball in play. Spiked Punch had other plans, however, and continued to keep control of their opponents with an excellent defense, making the game 8-4.

Spiked Punch did well in communicating, something Angels of Glory lacked, as they would run into one another or let the ball fall unclaimed by any player. Angels of Glory quickly patched up their mistakes and closed the gap, tying the game 10-10.

Angels of Glory began playing sloppy again and once more failed to communicate with one another. Spiked Punch took this to their advantage and furiously claimed aces, finishing the game 21-15.

The second game commenced and the Angels had to earn their wings. The game began slowly, with an even score of 2-2. Before long, the Angels took the lead, 7-2.

Spiked Punch was not the only team with players who could spike hard. Madrigal seemed to be able to command the ball's movement and fooled Spiked Punch's efforts to keep the ball alive. Angels had a strong offense in this formation.

As Angels of Glory maintained the lead 10-5, a fan base seemed to come out of the crowd cheering for the Angels and mocking Spiked Punch's signature "ace cheer." Spiked Punch seemed to lose focus over the awe-inspiring support Angels' teammates had with one another.

The game began to intensify and Spiked Punch had to bring up any defenses they could. But the Angels would not have it and even managed to get Spiked Punch to bounce the ball off each other.

"It honestly felt like I was back in soccer," Mark Trznadel of Spiked Punch said in response to a spiked ball bouncing off his head.

Spiked Punch called a time out and grouped to talk about what was going on. After the time out, the game finished with Spiked Punch not showing much effort for a comeback this game; 21-9 Angels of Glory's victory.

Both teams had one victory, looking for this game to earn the title of champions. The last game started with Spiked Punch taking the lead 5-2. Angels of Glory tried to fight back, but Spiked Punch kept their defenses high and kept the lead, 13-6.

Angels of Glory had really fallen behind. Eventually it seemed Spiked Punch had this game in the hat with their lead of 18-12. The Angels stepped it up once more in the heat of the battle and came back with a run of 5 points, 18-17.

Spiked Punch called another time out to figure out what was going on. Both teams were extremely close to calling this game their own.

Time out broke and both teams continued, forcing each other to think on their feet. The game tied 19-19 and Spiked Punch then took another point.

It was all or nothing for Angels at this point. Luckily for them, they scored, forcing a deuce.

They took advantage until Spiked Punch scored calling deuce once more. The game was all tied up again and both teams needed to score two consecutive points off one another. Angels played fast and quickly took the title away from Spiked Punch of having a perfect season.

"We sought out to be the champs and when they first beat us it was disappointing," Francisco Madrigal said. "Although we didn't have our all-star David Lobodinski, we managed, communicated well and pulled out the championship."

Hall of Famers win championship

Casey Brandon
Sports Editor

Hall of Famers wins championship in a nail-biter over Fantastik Four with a final score 49-42.

"We're the greatest flag-football team to ever come out of Purdue Calumet," Hall of Famers football player, Telly Panousis a graduate student, said.

Tough defense by Hall of Famers in the first half kept a two touch down lead heading into halftime, with a score of 28-14.

"Our defense was solid, best it has been all year," Panousis said.

Fantastik Four made more a game out of it in the second half and closed the two touchdown deficit to tie the game at 42.

"This was a close game, wasn't like it was a blowout," Fantastik Four player Josh Asiedu, a senior majoring in criminal justice, said.

The Hall of Famers scored one more touchdown and Fantastik Four had the ball last, but were unable to score.

This was the best year for parity in the league according to Matt Dudzik, intramural sports coordinator.

"It was up in the air this year, which makes it nice. Years past we had one or two good team, so you knew who was going to be in the championship," Dudzik said. "This year made it nice, you didn't know who was going to be in the championship."

This was the first year the championship game was not a blowout, Dudzik said.

"We couldn't ask for anything more," Dudzik said.

NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Ryan Murphy and Chris Strait

John Daly has lost 115 pounds. Coincidentally, that's what he spent on beer during the last British Open.

Tiger Woods has decided to take a break from golf, to concentrate on his first love: adultery.

JaMarcus Russell says it's been tough watching as his team plays without him. Because he's watching the Raiders.

In the Army Navy game, Navy beat Army for the 8th time in a row. The contests have been so lopsided, it will be renamed the Salvation Army Navy game.

Marc Gasol believes the Grizzlies are better off without Allen Iverson. The 76ers are expected to reach a similar conclusion by the weekend.

Texas football coach Mack Brown has been given a $2 million raise. He can also earn a bonus if any of his players actually graduate.

Scott Boras believes the Mets have enough money to afford Roy Halladay's salary. We believe Scott Boras has enough money to afford Roy Halladay's salary.

The Sacramento Kings will hold $1 Beer Night on December 16. Clearly, they're trying to lure Ron Artest back.

Tiger Woods could be in danger of losing his lucrative endorsement deals with Nike and Cadillac. On the positive side, he may land a new deal with Lavalife. Gatorade dropped their Tiger Woods sports drink. Because it'd be tasteless to say, "Is it in You?"

Chad Ochocinco is changing his last name yet again to "Hachi Go," which is Japanese for "insufferable attention whore." Hachi Go is actually a reference to a Japanimation 1980s Toyota Corolla. Because cartoons are the closest Ochocinco gets to reading.

Allen Iverson reportedly showed up late for his first game back with the 76ers. Five years too late.

And Erin Andrews was recently spotted cozying up with former Giants quarterback Jesse Palmer. At least, that's who it looked like through the keyhole.

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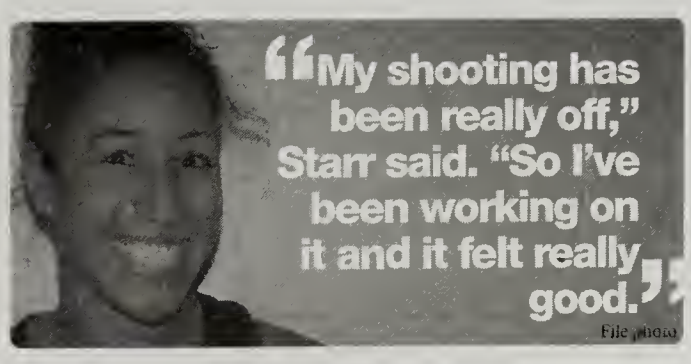
The Peregrines eclipsed the century mark for the first time this season, mostly as a result of changes in defensive strategy. With a combination of different press schemes, PUC was able to create 31 turnovers, leading to 12 fast-break points.

PUC forward, Savannah Hauter, said the press allowed for the Peregrines to use more of their speed.

The Peregrines started with the hot hand, shooting 56.3 percent from the field, while defensive pressure held Goshen to shooting just 33.1 percent. PUC led at halftime 54-27 after a 26-6 run to close out the first half.



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PUC guard, Alex Starr, was 1-11 shooting in the Peregrines 113-71 loss at Davenport. Starr got back on track with 23 points to lead all scorers.

"My shooting has been really off," Starr said. "So I've been working on it and it felt really good."

The Peregrines double-digit scorers in the game were Starr, 23, Jennifer Britton, 17, Stephaine Beck, 17, Amanda Gaskin, 11, and Nicollette Desimone, 11.

PUC had a total of 49 rebounds with guard Tierra Turner leading the effort with 10.

Britton led the Peregrines with five 3-point field goals.

The Peregrines improve to a record of 5-7 on the year, with a home record of 4-2.

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Tierra Turner waits for an opportunity to shoot the ball during Saturday's game against Goshen College. Turner got nine points and 10 rebounds.

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Eric Summers scored in the final minutes of the second half of the Peregrine's game against IUN. Summers scored six points and got 12 rebounds.

showed the team can control itself and has grown.

"No matter how it goes, we have to do what we can," Williams said. "We've learned to control. Control what you can control and just worry about that. We can't change who we're playing or where or the little things that go on."

PUC had an uncharacteristic 15 personal fouls for the game, which gave IUN 20 free throw attempts. PUC also had 20 turnovers in the game; freshman point guard Aaron Evans' career-high seven turnovers were more than the previous two games when he only had five. The Peregrines also allowed IUN guard Pete Trgovich 25 field goal attempts, 11 of which were 3-pointers, for 26 points.

"This was a great test of where we're at. This showed that the players are staying to the process. Eric Summers had a breakout game. He had the intent to deliver. He was able to rebound for us effectively and efficiently. It was a great game for him," Voudrie said.

Summers finished the game three-of-three from the field while pulling down 12 rebounds in 22 minutes of play. Summers had highs in minutes and rebounds. He was shy of his seven point performance in the first game against IUN on Nov. 7.

Voudrie said another player who showed brilliance was Neal Hudson. Hudson had 16 points, 5-of-5 shooting free throws and eight rebounds.

"He's a man. He's a 22 or 23-year old man. When he wants to get a rebound, no one can stop him. He's one of the best rebounders I've ever coached. When he's focused—when he wants to—he can get every rebound in his zone. He can even get some from places away from him. He's a great gift for the team," Voudrie said.

Hudson, a Gary native, had a number of family members at the game to watch the Peregrines and added he did what the team needed.

"We needed rebounds. I have to do what the team needs. We needed rebounds. I was able to get to the glass," Hudson said.

Looking forward, Voudrie sees the matchup with IUN to continue to be important and a rivalry game.

"This is like a backyard game in the park; we all get too caught up to play the way we can. Things happened that shouldn't happen, that normally wouldn't. There are things that we have no business getting caught up in, but that's how rivalry games are," Voudrie said. "Eventually, we'll improve enough that we will just play them like any other team. We will continue to improve and not get caught up."

And now... Nick Kalwinski

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For the past six years, Nick Kalwinski has been a staple in the PUC intramural program. However, it was not until midway through last season when he began announcing for the men's and women's basketball games.

"They needed someone to do the basketball stats last year, so I did that," Kalwinski said. "Then, in the middle of one of the games, the announcer just got up and left, so I finished out the game and everything took off from there."

Kalwinski is not only the announcer, but he also helps out with the intramural program by officiating many of the intramural sports. Kalwinski also runs the floor hockey program for intramural sports.

It is not by chance Kalwinski was chosen for hockey. He has quite a rich history in the sport.

"I've been playing hockey since I was three-and-a-half years old," Kalwinski said. "I was signed at sixteen [years old] to play for the Lincoln Stars in the USHL so I went."

The USHL, or United States Hockey League, is a semi-pro hockey league that is one level below the NHL.

After Kalwinski finished high school in Lincoln, Nebraska, he attended PUC as an undergrad.

Kalwinski met Matt Dudzik, the intramural sports director, as an undergrad and began working with the intramural program.

"Nick's a hard worker, he's very reliable, and he always has great ideas for the program," Dudzik said.

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Nick Kalwinski calls the women's Peregrine game against Goshen College on Saturday, in the Fitness Center.

Kalwinski maintains the work he does at the Fitness Center is all about the players, but says he also greatly enjoys his job.

"The whole production is a lot of fun and its fun actually creating an atmosphere," Kalwinski said.

Kalwinski's enthusiasm for his job is evident in his energetic announcing voice during the basketball games.

"He's a good guy and he's great at what he does," Dudzik said.

Kalwinski does a lot for the sports programs at PUC, but it is all worth it when he sees the reactions he gets at the basketball games.

"It's awesome when the crowd gets into what I'm doing," Kalwinski said.

You can see Kalwinski in action for yourself at the next women's home game Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 4 p.m.

PUC wins rivalry game, 3 in a row

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PUC's men's basketball team stepped up in Gary and came away with their third win of the season and third consecutive victory.

PUC was victorious over IUN 81-73. The Peregrines (3-6) were able to use their maturity and special performances.

"This was a test of our maturity. This was a test of many things," Coach Dan Voudrie said. "This is an adverse environment. Playing here is different. We had officials arguing with officials. We only had one player talk to an official. It was Kedric (Williams) and he was right. The official agreed with him but couldn't change the call unless the head ref asked for his input."

Williams said the game

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Peregrines dominate

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PUC's women's basketball team got back into the win column in a big way Dec. 12, beating Goshen College 105-55. Peregrines snapped a four game losing streak with the win.

It was a team effort with unselfish play according to Coach Tom Megyesi.

"We played well for 40 minutes," Megyesi said. "As long as we're playing well, I'm pleased with our team."

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